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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): Nobuhiro KITAGAWA

For: A LIQUID DISPERSING APPARATUS AND AN AUTOMATIC ANALYZING
 APPARATUS USING THE SAME

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of eighteen (18) pages
- ☒ Ten (10) sheet(s) formal drawings
- ☒ An assignment of the invention
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- ☐ Applicant does not claim priority
- ☒ Applicant claims the right of priority based on Appl. Nos. 200-099774 and 2001-079955 filed in Japan on March 31, 2000 and March 21, 2001.
 - ☐ Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
 - ☒ Certified copy(ies) will follow.
- ☒ Executed Declaration (☒ Original ☐ Photocopy)
- ☐ Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76

- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)
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